



Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Southern Branch

Annual General Meeting 28th January 2017 Edenham

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

Martin Clarke, Elaine Wilkinson, Keith and Marilyn Brown, Joyce and David Langley, Irvin Metcalf, Bethan and Archie Stanley, Eleanor Cooley, Helen Ainsworth, Lyn Hall, Janice, Jack and Molly Atkinson, Pamela Pohling-Brown, Sue Dawson

2. Obituaries:

Marie Atkinson, Graham Benn, Denis Frith, Charles Lorena, Ralph Poore

An eulogy was said for each of these members and they were all remembered with a short silence, along with Bill and Eva Holmes of Edenham who died 25 years ago.

3. Chairman's opening remarks

The chairman thanked everyone for attending including the visitors from the central branch. It was especially good to see Tom Thorpe who took part in the RWNYP 2016 where the team had opportunities to ring at Bow and St Martin's among other towers in London, and visit the ringing chamber and belfry of St Pauls. The committee were thanked for their hard work during the year – the organisation of ringing events within the branch is in good shape.

The chairman thanked Melissa Blanchard for her hard work as secretary during the last six years and computerising us all!

Membership numbers were down last year including junior numbers which was disappointing but all subs were paid on time. A reminder was given that subs are due by 31st March.

The "curry and quiz" night was once again a successful event and Lyn Hall and Anne Maddison were thanked for all their hard work in organising this.

Thanks were given to Barry Jones for his hard work in organising the programme for 2017 which will be discussed later in the meeting. February is at Corby Glen followed by a pub lunch, please see Alison about attending the lunch.

Nick Faux was thanked for his hard work keeping the website up to date.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 AGM held at Grantham

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record, subject to a spelling correction.

Proposed Shelagh Dunning, seconded Lois Webb. All in favour.

5. Matters Arising

There were none.

6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts for 2016

All subs were paid by March 31st in line with new Guild rules. Subs for 2017 remain the same £10 adult, £3 student members.

Barrowby have been paid from the BRF for the work that had been done. Silk Willoughby are still to be paid, the committee are waiting for more information from them.

Proposed Andrew Osborne, Seconded Kevin Carter. All in favour.

7. Election and Appointment of Officers (three-year cycle)

Using the new Guild rules, it was unnecessary to elect people into the following offices: - Ringing Master, Treasurer.

Elected Officers

a. Branch Chairman

As no one had volunteered for this position, Judith Rogers agreed to stay in post for an extra year, making sure that members realised this would then mean at 2018 AGM a new Chairman, ringing master and treasurer would need to be elected.

Proposed Nick Faux, seconded Jonathan Clegg. All in favour.

b. Branch Secretary Anne Russell. Proposed Kate Riley, seconded Diane Faux.

All in favour.

c. Deputy Ringing Master David Braunton. Proposed Melissa Blanchard, seconded Neville Sharpe. All in favour.

Appointed offices

		Proposed	Seconded
i)	Honorary account inspector Jim Benner	Kevin Carter	Andrew Osborne
	All in favour		

ii)	Safeguarding Representative Alison Jones	Shelagh Dunning	Joan Payne
	All in favour		

iii)	Website Administrator Nick Faux	Shelagh Dunning	Andrew Osborne
	All in Favour		

iv)	PR officer	Vacant	
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Members were reminded by the chairman that it is important to communicate with the public to extend recruitment. Members were told about a Central Council day on PR on Feb 25th.

v)	Fundraising officer	Vacant	
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8. Approval of Branch Committee

It was agreed that all the above officers form the branch committee.
Proposed Shelagh Dunning, seconded Lois Webb. All in favour.

9. Election of Members

Ratification of members elected during 2016

Lorna Caddy from Grantham
Steve Caddy from Grantham
Catherine Sutton from Grantham

i. Ringing Members

William Carter (junior) from Harlaxton.

Proposed Melissa Blanchard, seconded Neville Sharpe. All in favour.

Matthew Bamford from Market Deeping.

Proposed Jonathan Clegg, seconded Gill Hardy. All in favour.

Paul Winterbone from All Saints, Stamford.

Proposed Kate Riley, seconded Anne Russell. All in favour.

Mark Webb, unattached.

Proposed Nick Faux, seconded Diane Faux. All in favour.

Patricia Dale from St Martin's, Stamford.

Proposed Nick Faux, seconded Diane Faux. All in favour.

Jennifer Spicer from Edenham.

Proposed Judith Rogers, seconded Gill Hardy. All in favour.

Mark Mumby from Morton.

Proposed Nigel Travis, seconded Andrew Usborne. All in favour.

ii. Associate Members

None

iii. Honorary Members

None

iv. Non-resident Life Members

None

10. First Peals and Quarter Peals

None have been reported to the committee. Jonathan Clegg said he thought Adam Muspratt had rung his first quarter peal during the year.
Tim Carter had conducted his first peal at Barkston.
There has been a sponsored peal of Julie MacDonnell at Sproxton which helped towards the £7million that has so far been raised for blood cancer charities.

11. Meetings for 2017

Programme attached – please note the date of the branch striking competition as it is not the usual 4th Saturday. The 2018 AGM has not yet been confirmed.

12. Guild Report

Please write any changes in the Guild Report today or send them to the branch Secretary by 3rd Feb 2017.

13. Bell Repair Fund Applications

Silk Willoughby have applied for a grant towards sound control work. The committee have agreed to pay £190 towards the cost of this work, but are still waiting for more information about the work being carried out. The work has already been completed and the complainant is happy with the outcome.

14. Ringing World National Youth Contest July 1st 2017 Birmingham

Last year there were 24 teams taking part in the competition. Lincolnshire is the only Guild allowed to enter 2 teams as we have historically done this and the teams are from different areas of the Guild and do not practice together. Tony Barker from Ingoldmells is in charge of the team (Lincolnshire Gamekeepers) as Jonathan Clegg is standing down. Jonathan thanked parents, tower captains, etc for their support in getting youngsters to the practices. Good progress was made by all team members during the practices. Thanks was given to the branch and the Guild for their financial support of the team. It is a fantastic experience for all members of the team, they have the opportunity to meet new people and ring in towers that are not always available to the public. The team did their best performance on the day of the competition and were awarded a well deserved "B" grade.

The chairman said that it would be good to see the young ringers at more of the branch events. Tower captains to encourage this and to encourage them to take part in the branch striking competition as a way of practicing for the event.

The branch decided to support the young ringers from the branch £10 each to take part in the competition in 2017.

15. A.O.B.

There was none.

16. Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was given by Nick Faux to the following people:-

Rev Andrew Hawes for the service, use of the bells and vicarage

Les Townsend for not playing the organ as he had 2 punctures on the way there!

Denis Murray and Jenny Spicer for organising the day

Judith Rogers and her team for the teas.

Judith was also thanked for chairing the meeting and for agreeing to continue as chairman for a further year.